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Centenary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhayaya's Birth
Singh Shri Hukum

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes year long centenary celebrations of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's birth and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government proposes a number of films on his life, introduction of welfare schemes, research, workshops, seminars and books in all Indian languages and English and if so, the details thereof and response received from the general public in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

DR. MAHESH SHARMA

(a) Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to commemorate the birth centenary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech 2016-17 has allocated an initial sum of Rs.100.00 crore for this purpose.

(b) Advertisement in national dailies inviting proposals from state governments/Universities/reputed institutions/NGOs etc. for activities which can be taken up under the commemoration was given. A large number of such proposals have been received. No decision has so far been taken regarding the activities to be undertaken under the commemoration.